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On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum, on the daily balance up to \$200,000.

For Fixed Deposits:

For 6 months 3½ per cent. per annum,

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F. DE BOVIS, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 10, 1891. 1571

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do. 6 do. do. 4%.

do. 3 do. do. 3%.

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Hongkong, January 5, 1892. 22

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

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THE BANK receives Money on Deposit; Boys and Sells Bills of Exchange; Issues Letters of Credit; forwards Bills for Collection; and Transacts Banking and Agency Business generally, on terms to be had on application.

E. W. BUTTERER, Manager.

Hongkong, August 19, 1891. 1562

SAILOR'S HOME.

A NY. Cast-off Clothing, Books, or

Parcels will be judiciously received at the Sailor's Home, West Point.

Address: Care of SUPERINTENDENT.

## Banks.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

The business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER CENT. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4½ PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,

F. DE BOVIS,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, August 1, 1891. 1545

## Intimations.

W. M. GOODMAN,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.  
COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
Hongkong, 31st December, 1891. 3

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F. DE BOVIS, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 10, 1891. 1571

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Third Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the CITY HALL, on MONDAY, the 25th January, 1892, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1891.

The REGISTER of SHARES will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 18th to MONDAY, the 25th January, 1892 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOFER,  
Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., General Agents for the West Point Building Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, January 7, 1892. 38

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Fourth Ordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the CITY HALL, on MONDAY, the 25th January, 1892 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

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Hongkong, January 7, 1892. 38

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

MRS. FALCONER has VACANCIES for GENTLEMEN RESIDENT BOARDERS at Kowloon, Victoria Pier.

Hongkong, July 13, 1891. 1388

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The FIFTY-first Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, No. 18 Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on FRIDAY, the 29th January, at 12 o'clock Noon.

For the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 16th to 29th Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

T. ARNOLD,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 28, 1891. 2398

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-second Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, No. 18 Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on FRIDAY, the 29th January, at 12 o'clock Noon.

For the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 16th to 29th Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

ROBERT BAIRD,  
Agent.

Hongkong, January 15, 1892. 2301

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-third Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, No. 18 Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on FRIDAY, the 29th January, at 12 o'clock Noon.

For the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 16th to 29th Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

ROBERT BAIRD,  
Agent.

Hongkong, January 15, 1892. 2301

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-fourth Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, No. 18 Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on FRIDAY, the 29th January, at 12 o'clock Noon.

## Entertainments.

THEATRE ROYAL,  
CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

TO-NIGHT, 18th January.

GRAND ASSAULT-AT-ARMS,  
Under the Patronage of H. E. Major-  
General G. DIGBY BARKER, C.B.,  
at which will appear the HERO of  
A HUNDRED FIGHTS.  
PROFESSOR WOOLF BENDOFF,  
Assisted by MEMBERS of the  
V. R. CLUB and  
LORNE ATHLETIC CLUB.  
(By kind permission of Col. V. CHATER).  
Mr. A. H. WYLER, ROLLED SKATING  
and BICYCLE PERFORMANCES.  
EXHIBITION BOXING, by GENTLEMEN.

GRAND WIND UP, by  
PRO. WOOLF BENDOFF. Mr. W. WARRE-  
DITIS, Mr. J. A. BODGER,  
M. C. Mr. C. H. THOMSON and Staff  
Sergeant Tannant.  
Tickets may be obtained at Messrs.  
KELLY & WALSH'S.

ADMISSION, 92 & \$1.  
Soldiers and Sailors, 50 cents—Back Seats.  
Doors open at 8.30. Commence 9 sharp.

Hongkong, January 18, 1892.

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AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB.

X MAS PANTOMIME  
BEAUTY and the BEAST.

In consequence of the lamented DEATH  
of H. R. H. PRINCE ALBERT VICTOR,  
the Performance of the above PANTOMIME  
advertised for the 16th INSTANT will NOT  
TAKE PLACE.

A deposit has been made for that date, will hold  
good for the 23rd, or Money returned, if  
application is made to Messrs. LANE,  
LAWARD & CO., on or before the 19th  
Instant.

Hongkong, January 18, 1892.

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## Mails.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.'s  
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE,  
CHINA AND JAPAN.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1892.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Empress of China [Tuesday] February 2.

Empress of India [Tuesday] March 1.

Empress of Japan [Tuesday] March 29.

The R. M. S. EMPRESS OF CHINA,  
tons, Captain  
R. N. R., sailing at Noon, on TUESDAY, the  
2nd February, with Her Majesty's Mail,  
will proceed to VANCOUVER, via SHANG-  
HAI KOBE, INLAND SEA and YOKO-  
HAMA.

RATES OF PASSAGE.  
(In Mexican Dollars).  
FROM HONGKONG, FIRST CLASS.

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TO  
One Way  
Fares  
Prepaid  
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Vancouver, Victoria, Es-  
quimalt, New West-  
minster, B.C. 225 338 394

Portland, Ore., San Fran-  
cisco. 265 383 487

Banff, Calgary Alta. 275 413 482

Winnipeg, Man. 285 428 499

Minneapolis, St. Paul, Da-  
luth Minn. 305 440 517

Chicago Ill., Kansas City,  
St. Louis, Mo. 315 440 517

Milwaukee, Wisc. 325 440 517

Detroit, Mich., Cincinnati,  
Cleveland, Columbus, O. 335 450 520

Hamilton, London, Toron-  
to, Ont. 345 455 534

Bethel, Niagara Falls  
N.Y. 355 465 543

Kingston, Ottawa, Ont.  
Montreal, Quebec, Que  
New York, Albany, Troy,  
Binghamton, N.Y. 365 475 553

Baltimore, Md., Philadel-  
phia, Pittsburgh, Pa.,  
Washington, D.C., Boston,  
Mass., Portland Me.,  
Halifax, N.S., St. John,  
N.B. 375 485 563

Liverpool, and London via  
Liverpool. 385 495 573

Paris via Liverpool and  
London. 395 505 600

Harto, via Liverpool. 405 515 610

Hamburg. 415 525 620

9d class steamer and 1st class on rail,  
and 2nd class steam and rail, also Steer-  
age Fare and Rates to other places, quoted  
on application.

The Steamer call at Victoria to land and  
embark Passengers.

Return Ticket is reckoned from date of issue  
to date of returning at Vancouver.

The High Passage Tickets granted to Eng-  
land, France, and Germany by all trans-  
Atlantic Lines of steamers.

Special rates (first class only) are granted  
to Missionaries, members of the Naval,  
Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to  
European officials in service of China or  
Japan, and to Government officials.

CABO.—Through Bills of Lading issued to  
Japan, Pacific Coast Points, and to  
Canadian and United States Points.

CONSULAR INVESTIGATIONS OF GOODS FOR UNITED  
STATES POINTS SHOULD BE MADE IN QUADRATIC;  
AND ONE COPY MUST BE SENT FORWARD BY THE  
STEAMSHIP AGENT OR PASSENGER AGENT.

Calcutta, Madras, Persian Gulf,  
Black Sea, Levant and Adriatic Ports.

Cargo will not be received on board after  
3 p.m. prior to date of sailing.

For further information as to Passage  
and Freight, apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, January 18, 1892. 43

## Entertainment.

WOODYEAR'S ROYAL  
AUSTRALIAN CIRCUS.



SUPERB MUSEUM OF  
HUMAN MYSTERIES!

ALWAYS GOOD!  
THIS SEASON LARGER AND BETTER THAN EVER!  
COMING.

A GREAT MORAL  
INTERESTING AND INSTRUCTIVE  
SHOW OUR STUD OF HORSES,  
Worth a King's ransom.

THE GREATEST NOVELTY OF THE  
TIMES.

MISS ZOOIDA'S SLIDE FOR LIFE.  
Our Gigantic Tent, capable of Seating  
5,000 spectators, will be brilliantly  
ILLUMINATED AND ERECTED

At West Point, opposite  
GODOWN COMPANY'S WHARE.

Full particulars hereafter.

S. REICH,  
General Agent.

Hongkong, January 18, 1892. 73

## TODAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND  
TAIWANFOO.

The Co.'s Steamship  
Thales.

Captain HUNTER will be  
despatched for the above to  
FOTS-TOMORROW, the 19th Instant, at  
Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LA PRAIA & CO.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 18, 1892. 99

## NOTICE.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, KORE AND  
NAGASAKI.

(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

The Co.'s Steamship  
General Wedder-

Captain B. BLAKE, will be  
despatched for the above Ports  
on or about the 23rd Instant.

For further Particulars, apply to  
MELCHERS & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, January 18, 1892. 101

## NOTICE.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

The Co.'s Steamship  
Hector.

Captain H. EDELLERT, will  
leave for the above to  
FOTS-TOMORROW, the 19th Instant, at  
Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to  
MELCHERS & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, January 18, 1892. 102

## NOTICE.

STEAM TO SINGAPORE, PENANG,  
COLOMBO AND BOMBAY.

No. 100—CONNECTION WITH  
THE WANGSHAN WAREHOUSE & STORE CO., LTD.

Wangshen will be delivered by  
the above.

For further Particulars, apply to  
MELCHERS & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, January 18, 1892. 102

## NOTICE.

STEAM TO SINGAPORE, HAVRE AND  
HAMBURG.

(Taking cargo at through rates to  
ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTER-  
DAM, LONDON, LIVERPOOL  
and BREMEN.)

The Steamship  
Lydia.

Capt. Th. F. F. will be  
despatched for the above to  
FOTS-TOMORROW, the 19th Inst., at  
Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
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Hongkong, January 18, 1892. 103

## NOTICE.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship  
Olcott.

Captain Jacobs, will be  
despatched as above on  
or about WEDNESDAY, the 27th Instant.

This Steamer has superior Accommo-  
dation for Passengers, and carries a Doctor  
and Stewards.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, January 18, 1892. 104

## NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DEBTS.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor

Owners will be Responsible for  
any Debt contracted by the Officers or

Crew of the following Vessels, during  
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

ANSON, Norwegian barque, Capt. A. Christen-  
sen.—Kong Wing Tai.

COLIMA, American barque, Captain C. M.  
Noyes.—Order.

KATE F. TLOOR, British barque, Capt. A.  
G. Banks.—Captain.

L'AVENIRE, British brigantine, Capt. J.  
H. Borel.—Order.

MARTHA DAVIS, Amer. barque, Capt. W.  
Fendleton.—Shaw & Co.

Hongkong, January 18, 1892. 104

## Business Notices.

THEATRE ROYAL,  
CITY HALL.

FEW NIGHTS ONLY.

PROF. S. S. BALDWIN'S  
BUTTERFLY.

THE FUNNIEST SHOW ON THIS  
GREAT BANK.

Each artiste is absolutely the best in his  
(or her) line to be found in the whole world.  
No Company in Europe it in-day living is  
an Entertainment, while the expen-

ments in

HYPONOTISM AND CLAIRVOYANCY  
are not given by any other people on Earth,  
and are only presented by

PROFESSOR AND MRS. BALDWIN.

These experiments are of most absorbing

interest, and fairly astonish the optical

and magnetic side of the art.

The modus operandi is simple:

He is in the audience himself to think

out the question to which he wants an answer.

These questions are kept strictly to themselves,

and are not mentioned to the performers in any way.

The Clairvoyante sits in the

darkness, and the Butterflies are

not even seen by the performers.

## THE CHINA MAIL.

## TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL"]  
(Via Southern Line.)

## A BEREAVED NATION.

LONDON, Jan. 15.

Expression is given to a general manifestation of grief in the papers, which all appear in mourning. Her Majesty is deeply affected, the Princess of Wales crushed, and Princess Mary of Teck (banished) inconsolable. A state funeral will take place at Windsor.

(From Singapore Papers.)

**REPORTED DISCOVERY.**  
Dr Pfeiffer, student of Professor Koch, is credited with having discovered the influenza bacillus.

(From Shanghai papers.)

**WARLIKE PREPARATIONS IN BULGARIA.**  
Bulgaria, Jan. 12.—Alarming military preparations are being made in Bulgaria, and stores of arms and ammunition are being laid in at all points. Horses are being imported from Austria and quantities of corn from Serbia.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PASSED SUEZ CANAL  
OUTWARD BOUND.—Colombo, Poyle, Nov. 13; Shasi, 21; Wo Sang, 27; Patricot, Dec. 1; Cheliers Tower, 11; Andraitx, Bellona, Moray, 18; Benaventor, Eleazar, Telmachus, 29; Aglara, Unpaka, Rodovis, 30; Alcantara, 1; Portofino, Gorgona, Palomino, 2; Catedral, 1; Javea, 1; Homem, 2; Mortier, 1; Nov. 17; Europe, 24; Besicia, Dec. 1; Surpont, Yorkshire, 15; Benal, 22; Bresciano, Cleves, Danube, Pesthawar, 29; Hispania, Jan. 1; Strathaven, Polypetites, Finistre, Glenrothes, Jan. 5; Salou, 6.

The P. & O. S. & K. Keddie, with the English Mail of Dec. 16, left Singapore on Thursday, the 14th Jan., at 6 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, Jan. 19th. The Packet brings replies to telegrams despatched from Colombo on Nov. 18th.

The Norddeutsche Lloyd, S. Compagnie, steamship Egyon, with the German Mail of 2nd Dec., left Singapore on Sunday, Jan. 17th, at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Friday, Jan. 22nd.

The Canadian Pacific Railway steamship Empress of India left Vancouver for Japan, Shanghai and Hongkong on the 13th Jan.

The s.s. Torrington will leave Toulon on Jan. 16, and may be expected here on Jan. 19th.

The D. R. B. steamer Helvetia, from Hamburg, left Singapore on Jan. 13, and may be expected here on or about Jan. 20th.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamship Titan, left Singapore on 16th Jan., and may be expected here on or about the 25th Jan.

The s.s. Lightning, from Straits and Calcutta, left Singapore for this port on the 17th Jan., and may be expected here on or about the 26th Jan.

During the week ending 17th Jan., 197 Europeans and 2,030 Chinese visited the City Hall Museum.

Messrs David Sasse, Sons & Co. inform us that the s.s. Lightning, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port yesterday.

The O. S. S. Co.'s str. Titan left Singapore on Saturday, the 10th inst., at noon, and may be expected here on or about the 23rd inst.

Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co. inform us that the s.s. Glenagles, from London for this port, left Singapore yesterday morning, the 17th inst.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that Saturday, the 30th inst., being Chinese New Year's Day, will be observed as a holiday throughout the Government departments.

At the Magistracy this morning Mr. Wise sent a Chinese hawker to prison for four months for trying to steal a \$10 from the hand of an English girl, eight years of age.

The following notification appears in the *Gazette*:—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the Hon. James Haldane Stewart-Lockhart Chairman of Examiners vice the Reverend John Chalmers, LL.D., who has resigned from the Board.

Messrs Mellersh & Co. inform us that the Nord. Lloyd str. Beyern, carrying the German mails with dates from Berlin to the 22nd December, left Singapore on Sunday, the 17th inst., at daylight, and is due here on or about Friday, the 22nd inst.

From the Registrar-General's return for the fourth quarter of last year it appears that amongst the British and Foreign community there were 564 birth and 45 deaths. Amongst the Chinese, the births were 404 and the deaths 1,224. The annual birth-rate for the British and Foreign community was 20.29 and the death-rate 17.16; while for the Chinese the birth-rate was 7.51 the death-rate 22.84.

The Hon. Secretary of the Cricket Club has received a telegram from Singapore intimating that a Straits team will leave Singapore with the English mail for Hongkong on 25th inst. Writing on the subject of the Interport Cricket Match the Singapore Free Press suggests that a strong and representative team might be picked from the following:—Singapore, Radburn, H. L. Talbot, Lloyd, McKenzie, Ross; Peake, Fox, Ingall, Hughes, Watson; & C. S. Rodger; Glazebrook, Christofelz, Weiman, Peacock; Peeling, Wright, Luckie, Scott; Malacea—Birch. Twenty or thirteen men will probably be sent, giving a margin for casualty. The Singapore men are desirous to take full advantage of the opportunity of meeting Shanghai on neutral ground.

**SERGIOU, the celebrated "Medicine Man," has come to Hongkong.**

Some of our local amateurs are arranging a benefit entertainment for Mr. Waldegrave, who was the leading tenor in Willard's operatic company.

Professor Baldwin's Batrachy Company is expected to arrive by to-morrow's mail.

Mr. W. G. Dudley-Wright, agent in advance

for the Company, is now in the Colony carrying out the arrangements for the visit of the Company which comes here with an exceedingly good reputation.

It is not yet decided when the performances will start, but the announcement will be made in a few days.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial Hospital begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospital:

The Pork Guild ..... \$100.  
A Tak ..... \$5

The following returns of the average amount of bank notes in circulation and specie in Hongkong, during the month ended 31 December, 1891, as certified by the managers of the respective banks, are published in the *Gazette*:

Banks.	AVERAGE AMOUNT IN SPECIE IN RESERVE.
Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, Feida, and China	\$1,745,600
Chartered Bank of India, Australia, Tasmania, 29; Aglara, Unpaka, Rodovis, 30; Alcantara, 1; Portofino, Gorgona, Palomino, 2; Catedral, 1; Javea, 1; Homem, 2; Mortier, 1; Nov. 17; Europe, 24; Besicia, Dec. 1; Surpont, Yorkshire, 15; Benal, 22; Bresciano, Cleves, Danube, Pesthawar, 29; Hispania, Jan. 1; Strathaven, Polypetites, Finistre, Glenrothes, Jan. 5; Salou, 6.	\$1,745,600
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	8,073,447 1,000,000
Total	\$8,820,000

The following return of the average amount of bank notes in circulation and specie in Hongkong, during the month

ended 31 December, 1891, as certified by the officers of the Garrison and the members of the Legislative Council and Government of the Colony:

Colonial Secretary, Sir William Robinson, Lady Robinson, and Miss Robinson; Major-General Digby Barker, and Mr. Knaggs, Private Secretary to the Governor; General Officer Commanding the Garrison, the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, presented arms.

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